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City of Hartford Starts Training Series on Food Safety Practices

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(November 23, 2005) ---The City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to offer the first of a series of training seminars to local restaurant owners. This initial seminar will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 11:00 AM at Pope Park Recreation Center, located at Pope Park Highway, in Hartford. Ms. Ann Andrews, an expert from the Connecticut Department of Public Health Food Safety Program, will help attendants increase their knowledge on current regulations and acquire additional skills on food safety practices.

“Despite the fact that America’s food supply is among the safest in the world, the unappetizing truth is that what we eat can be a vehicle for food borne illnesses that can cause a variety of unpleasant symptoms and at times, it can be life-threatening,” says Ramon Rojano, City of Hartford Director of Health and Human Services.

The team of Public Health Sanitarian Inspectors that work for the Environmental Health Division visits restaurants on a regular basis and they check for proper temperature controls, personal health of food handlers, cleanliness of the establishment, proper sanitation of equipment, supplies and utensils to name a few. These are highly trained professionals that carry licenses to perform these duties.

The inspection and licensure of restaurants is one of several ways in which the Department of Health and Human Services tries to ensure a safe environment within the City of Hartford.

“Although there is an enforcement component to the work that we do, our main focus is to educate citizens and restaurant owners about the dangers that exist when food is not handled or cooked properly. We are very excited to team up with restaurant owners because we know that they too are committed to protect the public’s health,” Rojano said.

Every restaurant owner in the City of Hartford is encouraged to attend this and all future seminars that the Department will offer. Please contact Carmen Sanchez at (860) 543-8860 if you plan to attend.